

JANUARY 15 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes

VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do

begin with your inspiration

and continue with your help,

so that all of our work today will bring us closer you.

Guide us in our work today,

that we may do it not for ourselves alone,

but for the common good of all.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

The envelopes for the collection are on the stand at the front .

SECOND COLLECTION JAN 22
 CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

GOD KNOWS BEST

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tuesday: St. Anthony
- Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
- Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Saturday: St. Agnes

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED PUT THE CHRISTMAS DECORATION AWAY AND CLEAN UP THE AREA AFTER LUNCH

The office will be closed Monday Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King day

JAN 22nd 2023

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Jan 8th 2023
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